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First Inventor: Charles A. Wilkins Group Art Unit: 1724

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For: SYSTEM FOR STRAINING SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT

BEFORE DISCHARGE TO A DRAIN FIELD

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DECLARATION OF COMMON ASSIGNEE

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA. 22213-1450

Dear Sir:

1) This Declaration accompanies an Amendment that is being timely filed in reply to an Official Action dated 06/27/2003 having a three-month period for response.

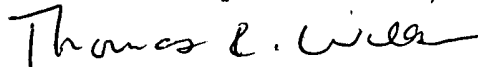
2) At the time that it was made, the invention of the captioned application was under common ownership with U.S. Patent Nos. 6,231,933 and 6,508, 933, such common ownership residing in Perfection Sprinkler Co., Ann Arbor, MI, as shown by assignment records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

3) The undersigned is making this Declaration in his capacity as President of Perfection Sprinkler Co.

4) The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein on his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under 18 USC

§1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas R. Wilkins, President  
Perfection Sprinkler Co.

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2003



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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

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Dear Sir:

Perfection Sprinkler Co. (a Michigan corporation) states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above. A true copy of the assignment is attached.

The undersigned whose title appears below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Wilkins, President  
Perfection Sprinkler Co.

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2003

## ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged,

WE,

Charles A. Wilkins, and  
James O. Stoneburner

hereinafter collectively or individually called  
"Assignor", hereby sell, assign, and transfer to

Perfection Sprinkler Co.  
a Michigan Corporation  
2077 S. State  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, hereinafter "Assignees", the entire worldwide right, title and interest, including the right for the Assignees to apply for Letters Patent with full benefit of such priorities as are now or may hereafter be granted to Assignor by local laws or by treaty, including any international convention for the protection of industrial property, in and to any and all inventions which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, which has been executed by Assignor concurrently herewith, and is entitled:

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and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed anywhere on any of said inventions; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued anywhere on said inventions;

Agree that Assignees may apply for and receive Letters Patent for said inventions in their own names; and that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of Assignees to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this Assignment, Assignor will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all said inventions; execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to Assignees all facts known to Assignor relating to said inventions and the history thereof; and

generally do everything possible which Assignees shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper patent protection for said inventions and for vesting title to said inventions and all applications for patents and all patents on said inventions, in Assignees; and

Covenant with Assignees that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by Assignor, and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by Assignor.

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Charles A. Wilkins (L.S.) Date: 01 August 2001  
Charles A. Wilkins

James O. Stoneburner (L.S.) Date: 01 August 2001  
James O. Stoneburner

Please return the recorded assignment to:

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